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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: March 14, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from a person who identifies himself as [redacted] Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, in which he states that he is 73 years of age, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and is living permanently in Mexico. He advises that he has served time in Milan, Michigan, and he tries to help the law whenever it is possible.

[redacted] states that shortly after Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot (April 4, 1968) James Earl Ray was in Mexico, met with some Canadians, and possibly received his Canadian passports while in Mexico. He further advised that he has the satisfaction of knowing he tried to help the law. [redacted] advised that he reported this matter to our Agent in Quadalajara.

It is noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and James Earl Ray departed Memphis on April 4, 1968, and arrived in Atlanta on April 5, 1968.

Ray arrived in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1968, applied for a passport on April 16, and was issued this passport on April 24, 1968. (Documented by interviews.) Ray departed Toronto on May 6, 1968, arriving in London on May 7, 1968, and immediately left for Lisbon. Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, and stayed there until he was arrested by New Scotland Yard on June 8, 1968. This would preclude the statement that Ray was in Mexico after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Review of Bureau files indicate that Coull has been the subject of Bureau cases and has been incarcerated on Federal offenses.

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There appears that no useful purpose could be gained in making any further inquiry regarding this matter as [redacted] is an ex-convict and an admitted alcoholic. It is recommended that [redacted] letter not be acknowledged as no useful purpose could be served.